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BEGGAR WIDOW'S STRANGE FORTUNE.

HER GOLD SOVEREIGNS.

Have you lost \$10 in shining, gold sovereigns?
If so, you have a week in which to prove your claim at the Central Police Station.
A Chinese widow, 67 years of age, was arrested in Pedder Street yesterday, outside Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., by a plain-clothes constable, for begging from a European gentleman who was with two ladies.
When searched at Central, she had no money whatever, except the \$10, hidden away in her girdle. One of the coins was taken to be changed to provide her bail in the sum of \$10.
This morning, she denied the charge. Major C. Wilson imposed a fine of \$5. She told His Worship that the fortune was handed to her, for safe keeping, by the godmother of her dead son. His Worship disbelieved her story. He ordered the remaining \$9 to be kept in police custody for a week to see if any applicant would be forthcoming. Otherwise, the woman gets it back, minus the \$5 fine.

THE "535's."

U.S. SENATE "REFUSES" DOLLAR BID.

ADMIRAL LINE BOATS.

Further developments are reported in connection with the ownership of the five Admiral Line ("President") boats—the American "535's"—which call regularly at Hongkong.
The "Manila Bulletin" of April 21 says:
Charging that the Shipping Board had failed to open a higher bid than the accepted one of \$4,500,000 made by the Dollar interests, for the five Admiral-Oriental liners, operating between Seattle and the Far East, the Senate yesterday unanimously adopted a resolution calling for the rejection of the Dollar bid by the Shipping Board.
The resolution, which was introduced by Senator McNary, Republican, Oregon, said, "if Dollar obtains the line, the Dollar interests would have a monopoly of the shipping in the Pacific, and that they would operate the line to the detriment of the North-west, as their interests are in California."
The "United Press" says the Shipping Board has delayed consummation of the sale and is awaiting a ruling from the Department of Justice as to whether the Senate resolution compels the Board to advertise once more for bids. The ruling is expected within the next few days. If the right of the Senate to intervene in the Shipping Board's actions is upheld, the recent decision to accept the Dollar bid becomes null and void.
What The Law Says.
However, according to Section 5 of the Shipping Act of 1920, as amended in 1922, the Shipping Board is authorized and directed to sell vessels as soon as practicable, consistent with good business methods, at public or private competitive sale after appraisalment and due advertisement, to persons who are citizens of the United States. Such sale shall be made at such prices and on such terms and conditions as the Shipping Board may prescribe.
According to the foregoing the Shipping Board is fully empowered and authorized to sell any liner being operated by the Shipping Board.
The stand taken by the Senate will speed up matters relative to dissolving the Shipping Board and turning over Government ships to the Emergency Fleet Corporation, it is believed.
The Senate has been considering the dissolution of the Shipping Board for some time, and whether or not the sale of the five liners to the Dollar line will be consummated, it is understood that the Shipping Board soon will be turned over to the Emergency Fleet Corporation.
The Loon Hang Steamship Co., Ltd., will unless cause is shown to the contrary be struck off the register of companies and be dissolved three months hence.

LEAPS & BOUNDS.

LANE, CRAWFORD, LTD.'S PROSPECTS.

OUR SPENDING POWER.

Hopes were expressed by a shareholder this morning, that when Messrs. Lane Crawford, Ltd. moved into their new premises in Exchange Building, their business would increase by leaps and bounds.
In reviewing last year's activities, the chairman (Mr. A. S. D. Cousland) expressed an opinion that the Colony's spending power had been impaired.
The occasion was the 4th annual ordinary general meeting of the company.
Mr. Cousland was supported by Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. Chan Tong (directors), Mr. R. L. Bridger, Mr. F. M. Crawford and Mr. W. A. Eustace (managing directors) and Mr. A. W. Brown (acting secretary). Shareholders present were Messrs.—A. Abbas, D. M. Goodall, H. A. Jones, H. W. Randall, H. E. Scriven, A. Stevenson.

Abnormal Bad Debts.
Addressing the meeting, the chairman said:
Gentlemen,—The report and accounts have been in your hands for the prescribed period, and I will, therefore, with your permission, take them as read.
The net profit for the year, after making due allowances for depreciation and bad and doubtful debts, is \$15,800.45, which, added to the balance brought forward from last year, viz.: \$24,193.93, makes the amount of \$39,994.38 available for distribution. This amount your directors propose should be allocated as follows:—
To pay a dividend of 30 cents per share, absorbing \$37,500.00.
And to carry forward to a new account, \$2,494.38.
I trust that this proposal will meet with your approval.

Turning to the accounts, you will notice that the comparatively large amount of \$12,467.89 has been written off on account of bad and doubtful debts. This is occasioned largely by reason of the financial stress through which the Colony has passed during the year under review. All due precautions have been taken by the management of the company with regard to accounts, and I think you will agree with me that in such times as these, having regard to the peculiar nature of our business, this figure is not excessive.
When They Move.
Another point which calls for some comment is the amount of depreciation written off. In the very near future we shall move into new premises, and with this in view, fixtures and fittings have been heavily depreciated, to make allowance for those which will have to be discarded on moving.
On the credit side of the profit and loss account it will be noticed that the comparatively small amount of \$64,040.02 only is brought forward from working account. As compared with last year, this shows a big drop, and is occasioned wholly by the fact that the company was unable to do its usual turnover. It is obvious that the Colony in general has not the same spending power that it has enjoyed in previous years, and in a business like ours such a state of affairs is immediately reflected in our turnover.
This year, no interest from investments appears in our profit and loss account, which brings me to the only point in the balance sheet which requires explanation.

Local Share Values.
You will note amongst the assets the amount of \$420,809.51 under the heading of investments, against which the market quotation is given as \$322,620.00. The discrepancy between the book value of these investments and the market quotation is occasioned by the situation from which we, as well as all other Hongkong companies, are suffering. Your directors have not recommended that these investments be depreciated by reason of the fact that they feel that the market quotation ruling at the end of February last (that being the end of our company's financial year) was only a nominal one, and under prevailing circumstances no fair valuation of such investments can be made. Moreover, the amount shown under general reserve is more than ample to cover the difference mentioned.
Stocks have been estimated at

WHITE STAR LINE.

CASH OFFER MADE BY BRITISH INTERESTS.

UNDER CONSIDERATION.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, April 23.
A cash offer for the White Star Line has been received from certain British interests.
It will be considered at a special meeting of the Directors of the International Mercantile Marine Corporation to-day.

cost price and depreciated wherever necessary.

The Dividend.
My predecessor, in his speech last year, when calling attention to the dividend paid, i.e., \$1.25 per share as against \$1.00 in the previous year, mentioned that your directors had recommended that dividend, as they were, of the opinion that (in the absence of any unforeseen adverse circumstances) that figure should be maintained from year to year.
It is with regret that your directors found themselves unable to recommend the same dividend this year, but I think that you will agree with me that adverse circumstances have this year occurred.
With a return to normal trading conditions your directors see no reason why the future of the company should not be as prosperous as it has been in the past. That, gentlemen, I think satisfactorily explains the accounts before you.

Good Service To Public.
During the past year your company has again been able to render exceptional service to the community of Hongkong. In June last, when the strike was at its height, we were successful in dealing with the problem of food supplies for the European population. The new machinery in your bakery thoroughly upheld the opinion which your directors had previously formed of its efficiency, and, in consequence, we were not only able to supply the community of Hongkong (including hospitals), but also care for the wants of Shamen, as well as several small warships which had not their own facilities for bread making.
Groceries and provisions were distributed by your main and Peak stores, and I am happy to inform you that, from several sources, appreciation has been expressed regarding the way in which the distribution was organized.

"More Pleasant" Future.
Our thanks are due to our European staff for the hard work done by them during those times, and also to those of our Chinese staff who loyally worked on in the face of intimidation.
I will now proceed to something which, I venture to feel, is much more pleasant to consider, and that is the company's future. I have previously made reference to the fact that this year we hope to change into new premises. These will be situated in the new Exchange Building, when completed. The change, with its accompaniment of a certain amount of new fixtures and fittings, will, of course, occasion extra capital outlay, but I am able to inform you that your company's cash position, together with its banking facilities, is ample to deal with the financial part of the question without worry to the management.

Best in Far East.
It is early yet for me to give you any idea of what your new store will be like, but I am sure I am correct in informing you that when the move has been accomplished, and the new premises are ready for business, you will own what will probably be the finest departmental store in the Far East.
I now beg to formally propose that the report and accounts of the company for the financial year ending February 28, 1926, (including the apportionment recommended by the directors as therein indicated) as presented, be adopted, and I shall be obliged if some shareholder will kindly second such proposal, whereupon questions as to the report and accounts may be raised.
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ELECTION OFF!

SANITARY BOARD VOTERS' LISTS.

THE CAUSE FOR DELAY.

"Colonial Secretary's Department"
—Notice, No. 217.—It is hereby notified that Government Notification No. 204 of 16th April, 1926, concerning the election of a Member of the Sanitary Board is cancelled.

This is all that the current issue of the "Hongkong Government Gazette" says about the cancellation, or postponement, of the election fixed for Monday evening.
On inquiry from the Supreme Court, a "China Mail" reporter was assured that the election would certainly be held, at a later date. The change had been necessary, it is thought, because it has been deemed advisable to prepare a complete list of those entitled to vote.

As is well known, those whose names are on the jurors' list, have the right to vote. Then, of course, there are the exempted persons mentioned in the Ordinance. If a list of these is compiled, then the candidates (Dr. F. M. Graca Ozeiro and Dr. S. C. Ho) and everybody else will know exactly who can vote.
However, it may not be known that certain machinery must be created to get up this list of exempted persons—mostly professional men, such as lawyers, schoolmasters, clergymen, journalists, &c. As far as can be seen, there are two processes.

One is for a Government official to be named to get up his list. The other would be for exempted persons, who wish to exercise their right to vote, to register their names at a fixed date prior to the election.
An excellent legal authority expressed the opinion that, even to do this, legislation was necessary, that is, legislation either by an Ordinance which would have to be passed by the Legislative Council, or by a Regulation by the Governor-in-Council.

Obviously, the latter method would be the simplest. No official pronouncement has been made. The matter is under consideration. As the first election has been disregarded, and the second has been postponed, it is anticipated that a decision will be made soon.

Should it be decided that exempted persons be given up to a date to register their names, the two lists will then be ready by that fixed date, and the election can follow after a certain interval.

BRIBERY CHARGE.

SIKH POLICE CONSTABLE ARRESTED.

MARKED COIN STORY.

Complaints having been made to the Police that a Sikh, constable, Natha Singh, had been demanding bribes, a trap was set.
A marked ten cent piece was given to one of the hawkers in Ice House Street where the constable was on duty, said Captain H. F. Bloxham, A.S.P., when prosecuting before Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning. As defendant came off duty, he was arrested by Detective Sergeant Nolloth. When searched before an inspector, the marked coin was found inside the Sikh's puggaree, said Captain Bloxham.

There was an alternative charge—to that of receiving a bribe—of misconduct as a police officer. The case was put back till Monday on the application of the prosecution.

STREET ACCIDENTS.

While working in a sling, on painting work at Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, a workman fell and received lacerated injuries to the head.

A Chinese is believed to have jumped from the first floor of No. 1a, Wing Sing Street, during an opium raid. He fractured an arm.

Getting off a tram at Praya East, while the car was in motion, a Chinese was also injured.
These incidents all occurred yesterday, the men concerned being all removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

Mr. Percival Stephens Page and Messrs. White, Page and Co. are declared by the Registrar of Companies to be qualified as auditors under the Companies Ordinances 1911 and 1925.

FAIRLY ACTIVE.

REVIEW OF LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

PRICES WELL MAINTAINED.

Messrs. Moxon and Taylor's weekly share report states:—
We have had a fairly active market during the week, under review, prices on most stocks being well maintained.

Shanghai market remains unchanged.
The following are the principal alterations since last week:—
Banks.—Have had a rise and a large number of shares changed hands at \$1.105/1.115.
Unions.—Have buyers at \$284 with few if any sellers.

Canton Insurances and Hongkong Fires.—Are firm at quotations.

Hotels.—Have come to business at \$9 1/4 and more shares are wanted at this price.

Electrics.—Have been in great demand and a large number of shares changed hands at \$63 1/2/65 for Cash. There have also been sales for June, at \$66 1/2.

Trams.—Are wanted at \$24.80.

China Sugars.—Are still in demand at \$27 without attracting sellers.

China Lights.—Have come to business at \$20 for the Combined shares and close with buyers at this price. Buyers offering \$15 for the Old and \$11 for the New.

Steamboats.—Changed hands at \$27.

Lands.—Have had a slight decline, and could be had at \$64 1/2.

Humphreys.—Are firm at quotations.

Cements.—Are quiet at quotations.

Wharves.—Are wanted at \$128 1/4, sales having been effected at this price.

Hongkong Docks.—Remain unchanged.

Star Ferries.—Have come to business at \$62 for Cash and \$64 for June.

Dairy Farms.—Are quiet at quotations.

London Quotations of the 22nd inst.—Banks 2125, Indos Deferred \$5.10, Shells 24 1/2s. 6d. All middle prices.

Exchange.—Demand rate on London is 2/2 3/16, and T/T on Shanghai is 1/5. 76 1/2.

Next Settlement Day is Tuesday, April 27.

DOGS ORDINANCE.

REGULATION REVISED BY GOVERNMENT.

The following regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 6 of the Dogs Ordinance, 1893, Ordinance No. 6 of 1893, on April 22 is published in the Government "Gazette."

Paragraph (b) of regulation No. 1 of the regulations published on pages 155-157 of the Regulations of Hongkong, 1844-1925, under the heading "Quarantine," is amended by the deletion of the first line of the said paragraph and by the insertion in place thereof of the words "Quarantine permit" means a permit by the."

[The amended regulation would be made clearer to the general public if the original amendment had been published simultaneously. As it is the amended regulation cannot convey anything to the owners of dogs unless they have a copy of the Regulations of Hongkong, 1844-1925.]

ROYAL ASSENT.

TWO LOCAL ORDINANCES APPROVED.

His Excellency the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King, to the following Ordinances passed by the Legislative Council:—
Ordinance No. 5 of 1926.—An Ordinance to regulate the issue of Hongkong Treasury bills in Hongkong.
Ordinance No. 6 of 1926.—An Ordinance to regulate the issue of Hongkong Treasury bills in London.

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CHINESE PARTICIPATION.

On Tuesday, the Canton General Chamber of Commerce invited the members of the various associated Chambers of Commerce, and of the Home Products Promotion Association to a joint meeting to discuss the matter of collecting exhibits from the various lines of business for display at the coming Exhibition in Philadelphia.

Over twenty members, of the above-mentioned organisations were present.

Mr. Ma Pak-nin of the General Chamber of Commerce presided. Explaining the object of the meeting, he said:—

The date for the Exhibition in Philadelphia has been fixed for June 1. It is well-known that our people in Kwangtung province have ever been enthusiastic in sending manufactures for exhibit at any Exhibition in any part of the world.

The Philadelphia Exhibition authorities have written to request participation.

At present the time is so limited that Canton must find ways to make a collection of the manufactures in the shortest possible time, in order to send same to Shanghai where all exhibits will be forwarded to America.

Resolutions were passed that the General Chamber of Commerce should inform merchants desirous of sending articles for exhibition, to make a list of the manufactures within a definite time, in order that same might be gathered and forwarded to Shanghai; that the General Chamber of Commerce should look after affairs in connection with the Customs exemption from payment of duties, and the date for the shipping of the goods; and that letters should be sent to the Superintendent of Customs and the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, asking them to exempt duties on the article sent for exhibition in accordance with the regulations. It was also stated that the China Merchants Steam Navigation Co. had promised to reduce the rate of freight for same.

The ivory, embroidery and woolen goods dealers have already prepared large quantities of articles for exhibit at the Exhibition.

MARSHAL FOCH.

REFUSES DICTATORSHIP IN FRANCE.

SIGNIFICANT COMMENT.

London, March 23. According to some London reports a group of Senators, belonging to the Right Wing of the French Senate, visited Marshal Foch, and sounded him on his willingness to become dictator.

It is understood that Marshal Foch intimated that, having fought the War, he did not want to fight the peace.

The "Matin" significantly remarked: "People in this country are not panic-stricken, but they are becoming tired of political tricksters. They are straining their eyes trying to find a man to lead them out from the present chaos."—"Times of Ceylon."

WORLD FLIERS.

SPANISH AVIATORS FOR CANTON?

According to a message received by the Canton Bureau of Foreign Affairs from the Spanish Consul at Shanghai, it is stated that the Spanish aviators will go to Canton from Manila. The Spanish Consul requested the Nationalist Government to assign it place for their landing and also to supply them with gasoline.

The Nationalist Government upon receiving the above information from the Bureau of Foreign Affairs, ordered that proper courtesy and a hearty welcome be given to the Spanish aviators.



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A MILLION CATS!

AMUSING GET-RICH-QUICK SCHEME.

CIRCULARS TO FAR EAST.

The law of perpetual motion has been solved, or rather a self-contained unit may possibly function without end, if the following letter may be taken as a criterion.

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London, E. C. 2,

March 3, 1926.

Dear Sir,

Having been informed that you are interested and open for a deal in a live business proposition I take the liberty of presenting to you what seems to me a most wonderful business, in which, no doubt, you will take a live interest and perhaps advise me by return the amount of stock you wish to subscribe towards the formation of the company.

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A man can skin about 60 cats per day at 6s. per day wage and it will take 120 men to operate the ranch, therefore the net profit will be \$2,470 per day.

We feed the cats on rats and start a rat ranch. The rats multiply four times as fast as the cats, so that if we start with a million rats we shall have four rats per cat each day, then we will feed the rats on the carcasses of the cats from which the skins have already been taken, giving each rat one quarter of a cat.

It will thus be seen that the business will be self acting and automatic throughout. The cats will eat the rats and the rats will eat the cats and we shall have the skins.

Awaiting your prompt reply, and trusting you will appreciate the opportunity to get rich quickly.

Yours faithfully,

Manager.

P.S.—Eventually we shall cross the cats with snakes and they will skin themselves twice a year, thus saving the men's wages for skinning and also getting two skins from one cat.

The letter, a proper catch, seems to emanate from London. Needless to say, says the "N. C. Daily News," 10 or 20 years ago a group of bankers in a Pacific Northwest city, during a period of wild catting and stock-selling, unheard of before in the vicinity, prepared a circular on just the same plan. Wording it a little more conservatively, with less detail, the bankers broadcast it through the city, posted huge placards on the streets and advertised in the daily press. The response was enormous—sedate financiers, dignified clerks, glib school-mistresses and labourers came in answer to the call. Chagrined a week later, many were cured of the desire to make easy money.

CHANGSHA RIOT.

DAMAGES TO BE PAID AND GUILTY PUNISHED.

Hankow, April 9.

Advices from Changsha report that in connection with the outrage committed by Chinese mobs who attacked the Japanese Consulate at Changsha on March 25, and damaged the building, the Hunan Provincial authorities sent a reply Note to the Japanese Consulate on the 3rd instant, expressing deep regret.

The apology states:—

(1) The authorities of Hunan province will make an apology to the Japanese Consulate.

(2) The rioters will be severely dealt with.

(3) Damages done to the Consulate building will be refunded.

(4) Measures will be taken so as to prevent recurrence of the incident.—"Eastern News Agency"

REFUGEE IN IRAQ.

LEADER OF REBELLION AGAINST TURKS.

Bagdad, March 29.

Hatedo, who is reputed to be the leader of the new rebellion against the Turks in Kurdistan, has sent a communication to the Iraq Government praying for refuge for himself and 250 of his followers.

The present whereabouts of Hatedo is not known. He has not crossed the Iraq frontier.

SOVIET INFLUENCE.

REAL DANGER EXPOSED IN MANCHURIA.

EX-GOVERNOR'S ADVICE.

The Mukden correspondent of the "Shanghai Times" writes on March 25:

"Manchuria should keep aloof from the military imbroglios of the rest of China; but should otherwise remain closely connected with the Peking Government; that is, so long as Peking is not swayed by Soviet influence. Manchuria must combat Communism and other Soviet propaganda, but, above all, the Three Eastern Provinces should devote their energies first and foremost to the building of their industries."

This is, in brief, the stand of Wang Yung-chiang, until a few weeks ago Civil Governor of Feng-tien province. Wang is now in retirement, in his native town of Chinchow, a small walled city north of Dairen, and there, it seems, he intends to remain until his principles are recognised.

Opposes War.

Wang has taken a prominent part in public life in Manchuria during the past twenty years, and held the post of Civil Governor for five years. He has shown outstanding ability as a civil administrator and economist, standing firmly for the principle that the welfare of the people of Manchuria must be the first consideration of the Mukden administration. He opposes war as being contrary to the interests of the people and a hindrance to peaceful development. It was because of this that he clashed with the military faction in Mukden, and his opposition to the sending of troops south of the wall led him to resign from office. He speaks well of Marshal Chang Tso-lin, but apparently he regards it as useless to attempt to develop Manchuria so long as the military faction intends to drain the resources of the provinces by carrying on campaigns beyond the Manchurian boundaries.

The people of Manchuria, therefore, regard Wang Yung-chiang as something more than a mere individual character; they regard him largely as the manifestation of the principle of peaceful development. If he remains in retirement, it is felt, there may be but little hope of Manchuria's remaining aloof from war and the consequences thereof, whereas, on the other hand, his return to office will be regarded as a token that the Mukden administration intends to embark on an era of peace.

Wang Yung-chiang owes his excellent reputation not only to his ability, but also to his honesty. In the first place, it is rather unusual for a Chinese to give up high office for the mere sake of such a trifling thing as a principle; in the second place, Wang retires without having made money.

Manchurian Independence.

The ex-Governor is a man of about 54, of medium stature, with a long drooping moustache and kindly, intelligent eyes. He answers questions quickly and directly, without circumlocution. "I do not believe in the independence of Manchuria," he told a foreigner. "Manchuria must be closely connected with the rest of China. It must carry out the decrees of the Peking Government, though, of course, where that government is tinged with Soviet ideas, Manchuria cannot obey such decrees as show such influence."

"The Three Eastern Provinces should hold aloof from the fighting in the rest of China. The wishes of the people and their welfare should be the guiding principles in their government. The people want to carry out the peaceful development of Manchuria so that they may attain prosperity. They are averse to war, and for that reason Manchuria should refrain from sending troops south of the Wall."

"The danger which Manchuria must guard against is that represented by Soviet Russia and its influences. Russia is now handling the Chinese Eastern Railway as if it belonged entirely to her, as if the Chinese were not part owners. The question as to how this may be counteracted was outside my province. It belongs to the jurisdiction of the Kirin Provincial Government. But the question of Soviet propaganda concerns all Manchuria. It is being spread about in two channels, through the soldiers and through the poor classes. I do not believe that there is any danger of military invasion on the part of Russia now or for the next two or three years; but I fear that after that such a danger will exist."

MEN AND THEIR ALLEGIANCE.

Wang Yung-chiang, being a wise man, refrains from essaying prophecies with respect to the development of the political and



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the military situation in China. He is, however, not averse to give his opinions with respect to some of the leaders involved. Li Chang-lin is now friendly to Chang, he states, but it is a question how long he will remain so; especially if he gains in power. Wu Pei-fu is now receiving assistance from a number of military leaders, but, in Wang's opinion, many of these are using him merely to further their schemes of their own. Their loyalty is questionable and as a consequence the influence of Wu is a doubtful quantity, and while Wu is now on friendly terms with Chang Tso-lin, it is a question whether he will remain so when they cease to have common interests to bind them together. About Feng Yu-shiang, it is impossible to say anything, least of all whether it might be possible that he and Chang might ever patch up their differences.

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LOCAL LECTURE.

At this week's public meeting of The Hongkong Lodge, The Theosophical Society on Thursday, Mr. H. E. Lanpart gave an address on "The Inner Government of the World." He said in brief: The facts as to an Inner Government of the World have been long kept as the most precious secrets in the Ancient Mysteries, but with the progress of evolution and the opportunities of a swifter evolution now dawning for men in the approaching new cycle which shall bring out more the powers of the intellect—that which was once hidden is now revealed, that it may call forth in the few a new insight into life and give them the guidance and right direction in their determination to give their hearts and souls into the work of furthering "God's plan, which is Evolution." To many this revelation will mean nothing at all because they have not yet reached that point in evolution where they have need and use for it. It is for those only who long to understand in order to justify to the brain the faith which is in their hearts, that a great body of occult knowledge has been revealed to men through the medium of The Theosophical Society. The whole of our Solar system and all it contains is the Self-revelation of the Creator through His Great Minister, the Great Spiritual Being Who is at the Head of It. It is His Life that reveals itself stage by stage and that forms all forms of life and consciousness. An Atom as well as the gigantic Mountain Chain contains His Life, which is revealed through all, but more of His Life is revealed in our Elder Brothers, the Superhuman Guardians of Humanity Who have attained, than in us still bound by the forces of ignorance and illusion. Still, all of us men being embodiments of His Life, we reveal Him more fully than our younger brothers of the Animal creation. In exactly similar way, there are Beings higher than man who reveal still more of His Life than can man, and it is they who form the Inner Government of the World. Their existence is confirmed in all the religions of the world, and by those who are able to certify this through the awakened powers of the Spirit within, these great ones are called variously, the Occult Hierarchy of the World, the Great White Brotherhood, the Community of Saints, etc. Each globe within the Solar System is guided and watched over by a group of these Great Spiritual Beings, through Whom as through His Ministers the forces of the Ruler of our Solar System flow.

This Group of Supermen in whom the greater Powers of Divinity have become manifest, constitute the Hierarchy of our globe, and they are not merely an association of Supermen but are a living Body which contains the Life-energies of the Spiritual Ruler of our whole Solar System. Within this Spiritual Hierarchy of our World there are certain grades marked by ten Great Initiations of which four are within the human Kingdom, the 5th being that of the Master of Wisdom, which rises the initiate from the human to the Superhuman. Evolution beyond death and birth. This existence of perfected men is one of the most distinctive and also, one of the most encouraging teachings of Theosophy. The attainment of perfection is a possibility which is certainly lying before every man in the course of his evolution; even to-day and at any given point he may turn his attention to that evolution of his and may hasten it very greatly if he will take it intelligently in hand. Men stand to-day on all rungs of the evolutionary ladder, and this process of evolution does not stop with man. There is a topmost stage which man as a human being can reach in evolution, and there exists a small body of men of all nations who have reached it and even passed beyond it, having entered upon the higher stage of superhuman evolution. They are no longer forced into any incarnation, having learned all the world can teach them. If they take a body it is for the purpose of helping humanity and they take that body where and when they please. In

them the Will has realized itself as part of the Divine Will which is evolving the worlds to grander, higher levels and they live but to accomplish the Great Plan of the Creator. It is they who are the true Rulers of the World, the Power that maketh for righteousness. It is they who are at the back of all the Great Civilisations, all the great religions. They are ever at work to bring human wills into consonance with the divine by helping them, by holding before them mighty ideals. It is possible to every one of us by study, of the Divine Wisdom by thought, by meditation, by self-sacrifice, through selfless activity to clear our innermost sufficiently to have a vision of the Great Divine Plan for human life; and if one has caught a glimpse of that Plan then one will realise that there is nothing else worth living for in life save to co-operate with that Plan because it is so glorious. One then will realise that it is worth while to live in happiness or in sorrow, if one can only make the world a little better. One then will realise that the object of human life is to bring the will of the individual into accord with the Will of the Highest, and having brought that will into accord, then to work to carry it out among men, for knowledge that bears no fruit in action is useless to humanity and there can be no lasting happiness and peace except by willingly and intelligently co-operating with the Creator in us and in our Brother Man, in His Great Scheme of Love.

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DEPARTURES.

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DEATHS.

SUTTY.—Madame Juvenel Dites
Jeanne Sully died at the
Matilda Hospital to-day,
(April 24). Funeral will pass
the "Monument to-morrow,"
(Sunday) at 4 p.m.

MITCHELL.—At Grange Mis-
sionary Home, Colombo, on
April 8, Miss Mary Mitchell,
in her 89th year, after a short
illness.

Hongkong, Saturday, April 24, 1926.

A SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

In the realm of news there is
either a flood or a famine.
Following several colourless weeks
has come a welcome influx of hap-
penings, both local and other-
wise. In Hongkong pride of place
may pardonably be given to the
opening of the handsome new
building in Queen's Road
for the Banque de l'Indo-Chine, at
which the French Consul spoke in
optimistic terms of the commer-
cial future of the Colony and of
the happy relations always exist-
ing between the French and Brit-
ish peoples. The scandalous con-
ditions prevailing at the beach at
Repulse Bay once again came into
prominence, both at the Sanitary
Board and the Legislative Coun-
cil, as a result of which it is to be
trusted that the eyesores will
vanish and some effort made to
emulate the popular holiday re-
sorts at Home and on the Con-
tinent. That much remains to be
done in the way of proper sanita-
tion for the entire Colony was
also revealed at the Sanitary
Board meeting, it being disclosed
that many of the outlying villages
are outside the pale of the law in
public health matters. They
neither know the law nor have
they so far been required to
observe it. A Committee is to be
appointed to examine the problem,
and its report should be of con-
siderable interest when it is com-
piled and laid on the table at the
Sanitary Board meeting. An
eviction on a mild scale has been
carried out at Wong-wei-chung,
where villagers whose forebears
have been there for three cen-
turies have had to find homes else-
where. The Legislative Council
meeting was not exactly note-
worthy, the usual large number
of supplemental votes only reveal-
ing the utter uselessness of the
Budget owing to the lack of a
real financier to regulate the ex-

penditure of the various spending
Departments. The Hon. Mr.
D. G. M. Bernard took the oath
and his seat in the place of the
Hon. Mr. Holyoak, who has gone
Home on leave. As the outcome
of questions asked on behalf of
the latter gentleman the Govern-
ment intimated its intention to
appoint a Committee of Enquiry
into the Fire Brigade, the per-
sonnel of which will be awaited
with interest. The Government,
however, prefers to leave to pri-
vate enterprise the agricultural
development of the New Terri-
tories, whilst at the same time
placing its officers at the disposal
of anyone concerned in such de-
velopment. The Colony received
the news with regret during the
week of the passing away at
Home of a real Irish gentleman
in the person of Lady Blake,
widow of a former Governor of
Hongkong. On St. George's Day
the usual wreath was laid on the
Centaph on behalf of the English
community, who celebrated their
Patron Saint's Day with a concert
in the Theatre Royal. Owing to
inclement weather the annual in-
spection of the Police Force was
again postponed, but there was
published a list of awards, which
included the King's Police Medal
to Mr. W. G. Gerrard, Assistant
Superintendent of Police; whilst
amongst those who received the
Governor's commendation for
valuable services were Chief
Inspector Kent and Inspectors
Bond and Pincott. On St.
George's Day the East Surrey
Regiment held a memorable
parade when a set of silver drums
was solemnly blessed, these being
presented to the regiment by the
mother of Second Lieutenant
Walker, who died at Agra in 1895.
The ceremony of presentation of
the drums coincided with the
anniversary of the second battle
of Ypres, in which the East Sur-
reys behaved with great gallantry.
A pleasing incident in connection
with the parade was the presenta-
tion of the Long Service and Good
Conduct Medal to Sergeant
Drummer French. Two Company
meetings were held during the
week and in both was a consid-
erable loss shown. The China
Sugar Refinery Company disclosed
a loss on the year of \$1,471,800,
and the Simplex Plaster Company
also experienced a bad year,
mainly due to the depressed trade
of the Colony. In sporting mat-
ters the semi-annual yacht race
for the Trevelyan Trophy was
raced on Wednesday, this being
won by the Tjeldstrand, a Dutch-
owned craft. On the same day
the replayed final for the Shield
was played by the football teams
of the East Surreys and the Kow-
loon F.C.; the latter emerging
victorious after extra time by
three goals to two.

At Home the great event of the
week has been the birth of a
daughter to H.R.H. the Duchess
of York, the news of which was
conveyed to the King and Queen
at Windsor Castle at three o'clock
in the morning. The coal crisis
has seriously engaged the atten-
tion of the Prime Minister, the
conference between the owners
and miners having resulted in a
lockout. Meanwhile it is an-
nounced that the Mines Depart-

ment has prepared a scheme for
a Government loan to the industry
conditional on its reorganisation
and the closing of uneconomic
pits. A strike is threatened
among the London engineers on
the question of wages, a ballot
being now taken which closes on
May 31. Lord Reading has re-
ceived a great welcome on his
return Home after relinquishing
the post of Viceroy of India, when
His Majesty conferred on him a
Marquessate of the United King-
dom.

In the world of aviation the
Royal Air Force has lost two keen
officers through a crash in Palest-
ine, the victims being Squadron
Leader Tweedie, a son of Mrs.
Alec Tweedie, the famous writer,
and Flight Lieutenant Wallace.
After being missing for some
days Captain Estevez, the Spanish
airman, and his mechanic have
been found by British airmen, and
are returning to Madrid. Their
two comrades are now in Bangkok
and may be in Hongkong next
week. The Danish airman, Lieut.
Botved, has arrived at Shanghai
after an uneventful experience at
the hands of Chinese at Ninghal.

India has been disturbed dur-
ing the week by a renewal of
racial feuds and strike troubles at
the jute mills. The Moroccan
peace parleys have broken down,
and the delegates have left to re-
port to their respective Govern-
ments. The United States Senate
has adopted the Italian debt set-
tlement scheme after many
months' delay. Siam, China, and
Persia are prominent in a "drive"
to secure representation, tempo-
rary or permanent, on the
Council of the League of Nations.
The French Budget has at length
been adopted, thus closing a long
series of financial crises.
America has formally declined to
be represented at the conference
on the World Court at Geneva to
discuss America's reservations
regarding her adherence.

Affairs in Northern China have
been developing rapidly and the
forces of Chang Tso-lin and Wu
Pei-fu are in full control of Pek-
ing. The former President Tso
Kun is resuming office temporarily,
but will shortly hand over to
Mr. W. W. Yen as Premier of a
responsible Cabinet. The Mukden
War-Lord has issued a distinct
warning to Moscow to remove
that notorious Bolshevik, Karak-
han, whose protection will not be
guaranteed under international
law. How far these develop-
ments in the North will affect the
Canton situation remains to be
seen.

PROMENADES.

Dr. Koch presents a not un-
fanciful picture of Repulse Bay as
it might be. It was the present
writer who described Repulse Bay
beach as a "slum," to be followed
by Dr. Koch who drew compar-
isons with Malayan and Philip-
pine villages. His suggestion is
to be encouraged. Repulse Bay
with a promenade, kiosks, seats,
band-stand, etc., is "altogether
lovely." The Mentone of the
East is now a possibility—prob-
ability indeed. This question of
promenades "intrigues" us. We
may safely call ourselves the
pioneers of promenades—the
voice calling in the wilderness of
bleak prays, and mediocre water-
fronts. We have urged that the
Frays East Reclamation should
include a promenade in its scheme.
We certainly said that Kowloon
deserved one. Think of the hot
season and the airlessness of
things when there is "nowhere to
go." A promenade would solve a
lot of our summer problems. At
the moment Wanchai is thick with
smells. A promenade by the
water's brim would be a prome-
nade only to some people, but to
quite a lot it would be a haven of
refuge of light and shade and
cool air. There is an opportunity
here for someone. A promenade
for Repulse Bay by all means.
But one for Kowloon and the
Kowloon Peninsula.

LEAPS & BOUNDS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Second's Speech.

Mr. A. Stevenson said that he had
much pleasure in seconding. The
results had been regrettable but
that could not be helped in view
of the abnormal conditions. He
had the greatest confidence in the
management, said Mr. Stevenson,
and when they moved into their
new premises, he felt that their
business would increase by leaps
and bounds.

No question was put and the
motion was carried unanimously.
Other business transacted by the
meeting comprised—
"Re-election of Mr. M. Manuk, the
retiring director—proposed by Mr.
H. A. Jones, seconded by Mr. D. M.
Goodall.

Election of Messrs. Linstead and
Davis, as auditors for the current
year at a fee of \$1,250—proposed
by Mr. H. B. Scriven, seconded by
Mr. A. Stevenson.

The chairman announced that
dividend warrants could be obtain-
ed, on application, on Monday, at
the company's office, Royal Build-
ing.

TYPHOON SEASON.

WHERE LOCAL SIGNALS ARE
HOISTED.

HONGKONG WARNINGS.

To save needless inquiries dur-
ing the typhoon season, residents
should note the list below.

Which is the typhoon season?—
one may ask. It is very difficult
to lay down any definite period but
a rhyme by local mariners of two
decades ago may not be far out.
It runs:—

June, too soon.
July, stand by.
August, can't trust.
September, bad weather.
October, not over.
November, remember.

The day signals of the local Ob-
servatory's code are displayed at
the following stations:—

Royal Observatory, H.M.S.
"Tamar," Gough Hill, Standard Oil
Co., Lai-Chi-Kok, Harbour Office,
Green Island, Hongkong and Kow-
loon Wharf and Godown Co., Kow-
loon, Field Officer's quarters,
Lyemum.

The night signals are displayed at
sunset, at the following stations:—
Royal Observatory, Harbour
Office, Railway Station, H.M.S.
"Tamar," Gough Hill.

and have the same significance as
the day signals.

A translation of both day and
night signals is displayed at the
General Post Office and at the upper
tram station.

When local signals are displayed
in the harbour, a cone is exhibited
at the following stations:—

Gap Rock, Waglan, Stanley,
Aberdeen, Sha-tai-wan, Sai Kung,
Sha-tau-kok, Tai-po.

CHINESE FILMS.

HONGKONG MAN IN CHARGE IN SHANGHAI.

After more than six years of
continuous service in China as
representative of the Universal
Pictures Corporation, the big
American movie producers, Mr.
Norman Westwood, pioneer of
American film men in the Orient,
left Shanghai on the "President
Cleveland" on April 15, for a
six months' combined vacation
and business trip to America.

Mr. Westwood established the
Universal bureau in Shanghai
and has been in charge ever since
its institution, building up a
business that has brought many
thousands of dollars to his em-
ployers, and provided several
million people with high-class,
clean entertainment.

While in the United States, Mr.
Westwood will personally view all
the latest Universal super-features
at Universal City, selecting the
best for future presentation in
China, and will confer with Mr.
Carl Laemmle, President of the or-
ganisation. He hopes that Mr.
Laemmle may be persuaded to en-
ter the production field in China,
turning out really high-class
Chinese films under the supervi-
sion of one of his famous directors.

"The motion picture industry
in China is just in its infancy,"
Mr. Westwood declares, "and I
believe that it has a really bright
future, provided that proper
financing and direction can be
obtained."

During the absence of Mr.
Westwood, the business of the
Universal Pictures Corporation
will be carried on by Mr. M. W.
Stevens, the well-known Hong-
kong movie and amusement man,
who has recently arrived here
from the Shanghai Times.

WINGS CLIPPED.

CONTROL OF "SHYLOCKS" IN
BRITAIN.

LENDERS' OBLIGATIONS.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, April 23.

The House of Commons to-day
passed the second reading of a
private Bill introduced by Major
R. G. L. Glyn, (Conservative,
Aldington) which has for its object
the control of money lenders.

The Bill provides that money
lenders shall have to obtain
licences, which will only be grant-
ed upon the submission of certi-
ficates fulfilling certain qualifica-
tions.

No contract will be binding un-
less it is in writing and is worded
in plain English as distinguished
from legal language, and a copy of
the contract must be supplied to the
borrower.

Forty-eight per cent. is laid
down as the rate of interest for
loans, but this is not intended to
be the maximum, but merely a
general guide to Courts of law.

Long Needed.
Sir William Joynton Hicks, the
Secretary of State for Home Affairs,
announced during the debate that
the Government would give gen-
eral support to the Bill, which it
regarded as a measure that had
long been needed.

THORNY PROBLEM.

INDIANS IN SOUTH
AFRICA.

PROSPECTS OF SETTLEMENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Capetown, April 23.

In the Assembly Dr. Malan,
Minister of the Interior, announced
that as a result of conversations
between the Union Cabinet and the
Government of India Deputation,
which recently visited Capetown, a
formula had been agreed on which
would form the basis and deter-
mine the nature of a round-table
conference at which a serious and
honest attempt would be made to
arrive at an effective and amicable
solution of the Indian problem.

The formula insured the co-op-
eration of the two Governments in
exploring all possible methods of
settling the question on the basis
of the maintenance of Western
standards of life by just and legiti-
mate means.

The conference's proposals will
be subject to confirmation by the
South African and Indian Govern-
ments.

In the meantime the proposed
Asiatic Legislation will not be pro-
ceeded with.
Dr. Malan expressed satisfaction
that the matter had been dealt with
as solely concerning South Africa
and India.

OIL DEAL.

REPORT BY STANDARD OIL
PRESIDENT.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, April 23.

Mr. Walter Teagle, President of
the Standard Oil Company of New
Jersey, arrived on board the Maure-
tania. He stated that American
oil interests had concluded negotia-
tions in London with the Franco-
British-Dutch group who have the
controlling interest in the Turkish
Petroleum Company for acquiring
an interest in that concern.

ECHO OF 1918.

GALLANT MEN WHO FELL
AT ZEEBRUGGE.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, April 23.

The members of the Zeebrugge
Association this morning placed a
wreath on the Centaph in memory
of the men who fell in action at
Zeebrugge eight years ago.

I.L.O.

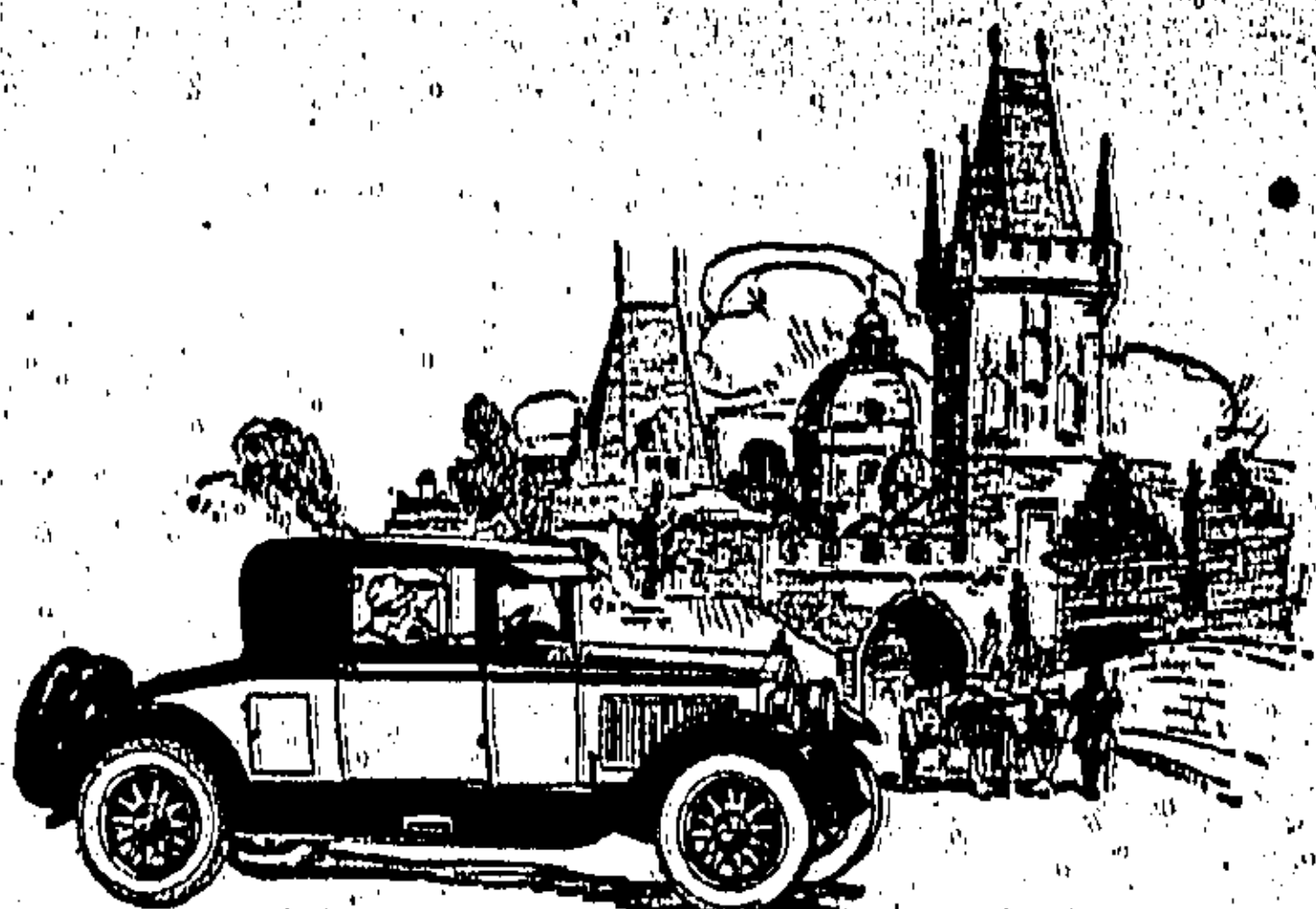
WHAT THE 1927 BUDGET
REVEALS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, April 23.

The 1927 Budget of the Inter-
national Labour Office shows a re-
duction in expenditure of 48,000
francs compared with 1926.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Colony had another "clean" health return on Thursday.

In a recent football competition 6,484 people gave a correct solution. The prize was divided among the successful competitors—each receiving 8d.

For the preservation of the ancient Roman Amphitheatre of Ferentino, Italy, Captain Alexander Harcourt, an Englishman, has given 25,000 lire.

The Amateur Dramatic Society of Selangor announce their production of Sir James Barrie's play "The Admirable Crichton" for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, April 26, 27, and 28.

Women and girls in the West Main Guardians Central Home detained under the provisions of the Lunacy Act are to be allowed to attend the local cinema once a week, at the expense of the Guardians.

A new set of Egyptian stamps has been issued in commemoration of the agricultural and Industrial Exhibition which is now being held in Cairo. The stamps are on sale for two months only, and the issue is a restricted one, so that they will be much sought after by collectors. Another commemorative set of stamps has been issued in Austria. It is known as the "Nublungen" commemorative set, and consists of six values—3, 8, 15, 20, 24, and 40 groschen.

On the last outward voyage of the P. and O. "Kashgar," Captain Williams allowed sealed collecting boxes to be placed about the ship for the benefit of the Earl Haig Poppy Day Fund. The boxes remained sealed until the return of the ship to London, when they were handed over to the Appeal Department of the British Legion, which has now written to the P. and O. Company stating that the amount subscribed by the "Kashgar" was £27 2s. 6d., and asking that Earl Haig's grateful thanks be conveyed to the Commander of the ship and all concerned in this splendid subscription.

Melbourne High Court have decided that the Y.M.C.A. is "a religious institution exempt from income tax."

Mr. Robb, Canadian Minister of Finance, has given taxation statistics per head: Canada, 66 dollars 11 cents; Australia, 69.65; Great Britain, 97.12; United States, 67.39, says Reuter.

The German survey ship "Meteor," which has returned to Table Bay from the Southern Ocean, reports that Thompson Island (marked on British atlases at 80 miles north-east of Bouvet Island) has disappeared.

About a hundred "establishment" men and their families are leaving Pembroke Dock for other dockyards, and by the end of the month only a care-and-maintenance party of sixty men will be employed at Pembroke. The town is in a serious plight, and already more than a thousand men are on the unemployment register.

A contract of an estimated value of approximately £250,000 for 2,000 coal waggons, required by the Carlton Main Colliery Co., of Barnsley, and the Llay Main Coal Co., of Gresford, near Wrexham, has been placed with Messrs. Charles Roberts and Co., Ltd., of Horbury Junction, near Wakefield, (says "Modern Transport.")

The complete returns now issued by the Department of Commerce, Irish Free State, at Dublin, show a substantial decline in the number of cattle shipped from all ports in the Free State to cross-channel British ports during the past year. The total number shipped was 893,788 compared with 943,908 in 1924, a drop of 255,000, which represents a large decline in revenue to the various shipping companies engaged in the Irish cross-channel cattle transit. There was also a heavy decline in the number of sheep carried and horses and pigs.

For smuggling silk goods, a watch and camera, Enichi Ogino, a Japanese, was fined \$50 at Dover.

Census Bureau estimates indicate that the population of the United States on August 1, will be more than 117,000,000.

Sugar amounting to 54,027 tons was produced at the four factories in Kelham, Cantley, Ely, and Ipswich, in the year 1925-26.

News has been received in Germany that two brothers, tramway employees in the Ruhr zone, have been left \$650,000 by a relative who has just died in America.

An unclaimed envelope containing diamonds valued at \$1500 has been found in the safe deposit of the Kimberley branch of the Standard Bank. The envelope was deposited 40 years ago by a man named C. R. Cowie. Unless it has been claimed by April 5, the diamonds will be sold.

Hull Corporation Committee for the Care of the Blind has approved of weekly allowances to 200 indigent blind, at an annual cost of £5,800. The income of each blind person under the scheme has been brought up to 25s. per week. An appeal was made to the public to discourage begging, and the chairman said if any cases were brought to their notice they would be dealt with severely.

The wonderful and most costly organ at the newly opened Plaza Picture Palace can perform many miracles of sound, thunder and storm and general upheaval. The most popular "effect" of all is when the organist, who is seated in the centre of the orchestra, presses a few buttons and disappears with all his stops and pedals into the depths below. His vanishing trick is applauded very heartily!

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. S. J. Jordain, secretary of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., went on Home leave yesterday by the "City of Valencia." Mr. A. W. Brown is acting secretary. Mr. Jordain has been a keen ruggerite.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hearn and their two children, Mrs. S. T. Williamson, and Mr. Fitzgerald are passengers on the s.s. "Change" which left Hongkong for Australian ports via Manila.

The Rev. Frederick Hastings of Eastbourne, who is 87, is about to start alone on a cycling tour to Venice via Havre. He used to cycle 60 miles a day, but he says his doctor has ordered him to cut it down to about 30. Recently Mr. Hastings completed a painted panel, 5ft. by 6ft., for his church.

Mr. W. L. Marshall, general manager of the Standard Oil Company offices of Manila, will leave for the United States in the early part of May. He has been transferred. He will be succeeded by Mr. Basil C. Butler, assistant general manager. During his stay in the Philippines, he has been popular with all and his services have been highly successful.

A large gathering, including Sir George and Lady Maxwell and the Hon. Mr. W. H. Thomson, British Resident, Selangor, was present at the farewell function given at the Chinese Maternity Hospital, Kuala Lumpur, by the Chinese Maternity Association, to Dr. Bernard Day, who is shortly retiring from Malaya. After thirteen years' service as a private practitioner, and during that time has been the only hon. surgeon of the Chinese Maternity Hospital.

There will be many throughout Malaya who will learn with much regret of the death, which occurred suddenly in London, following an operation of Major Trevor Colledge Spring, D.S.O., of the Hampshire Regiment, says the "Straits Times." Major Spring spent some considerable time in the Colony as a staff officer, and was a very well-known and popular officer. As a distinguished soldier, and a member of the Colony team in 1922, he was the son of the Rev. E. S. Spring, rector of Avington, Northampton, and was 45 years of age. He left Singapore for home in 1924.

Benjamin Rodrigues, of Singapore, only twelve years of age, has been awarded by Trinity College an exhibition for his work in music. This is the first award of the kind to a Singaporean.

The dance organised by the officers and men of H.M.S. "Ambrose" in the Town Hall, Penang, was a great success. The sailors augmented the orchestra with an excellent string combination of their own and a jolly time was spent by all.

The Queen's Theatre Gaumont Graphic shows the return of Alan Cobham from his 16,000 miles flight. Mr. Cobham modestly denies that he has performed a daring flight. "It was all a matter of organisation and tenacity of purpose—in fact, it was just an everyday affair," he says.



COMPTON MAJOR GENERAL

The condition of Commander Evangeline Booth, head of the Salvation Army in America, was reported to be very grave at a New York hospital. She was suffering from a nervous breakdown.

The Queen gives us a perfect example of how a woman should stand and act. Her Majesty has the secret of grace, dignity, and elegance and never does she allow her shoulders to become slumped. Mrs. Kato, the Japanese, who was the first woman to be elected to the House of Commons, was a woman of great beauty and grace. She was the daughter of a Japanese nobleman and was married to a British nobleman. She was a member of the House of Commons for many years and was a very successful politician.

"I am hoping that, like Lady Godiva, you are drawing near to your close," Judge Parfitt, at Clerkenwell County Court.

A painting of W. G. Grace has been presented to the National Portrait Gallery by the M.C.C. and county cricket clubs.

The Princes of Wales has promised to preside at a National Savings Movement demonstration at the Albert Hall on May 14.

The Japanese Government has decided to appoint Mr. Kawatani Kozaemon, the Harbin Manager of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, as Japanese Trade Commissioner to Soviet Russia. Formal announcement is shortly expected.

The representatives of the various factions within the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce met on the 31st ultimo, when they agreed to recommend Baron Sakatani, a member of the Upper House, who was formerly Mayor of Tokyo, to the Presidency of the institution.

With the Imperial sanction, Mr. Kato Kotaro, heir to the late Count Kato Takaaki, succeeded to his father's title on the 2nd instant. The young Count Kato is a graduate of Tokyo Imperial and Oxford (England) Universities.

Described as the most efficient rate collector in Britain, Mr. Charles Cullum, collector to Cleethorpes Council, died, aged 55. He invented the system by which small ratepayers pay in instalments by stamping a card weekly.

A very pleasant Japanese dinner has been held in honour of Capt. D. H. James, who is shortly leaving Japan. Mr. Kurose, the Mayor of Kobe made a farewell speech in Japanese to which Capt. James replied. One of two foreign members of the Recreation Ground-Keeping Committee were present, together with Japanese officials from the Kempe.

John Paris, the author of several novels on modern Japan, was born in Aberdeen. Ten years ago, while shown in his black and white photographs, he was a very young man. He was a member of the Glasgow and Edinburgh University and was a member of the Glasgow and Edinburgh University and was a member of the Glasgow and Edinburgh University.

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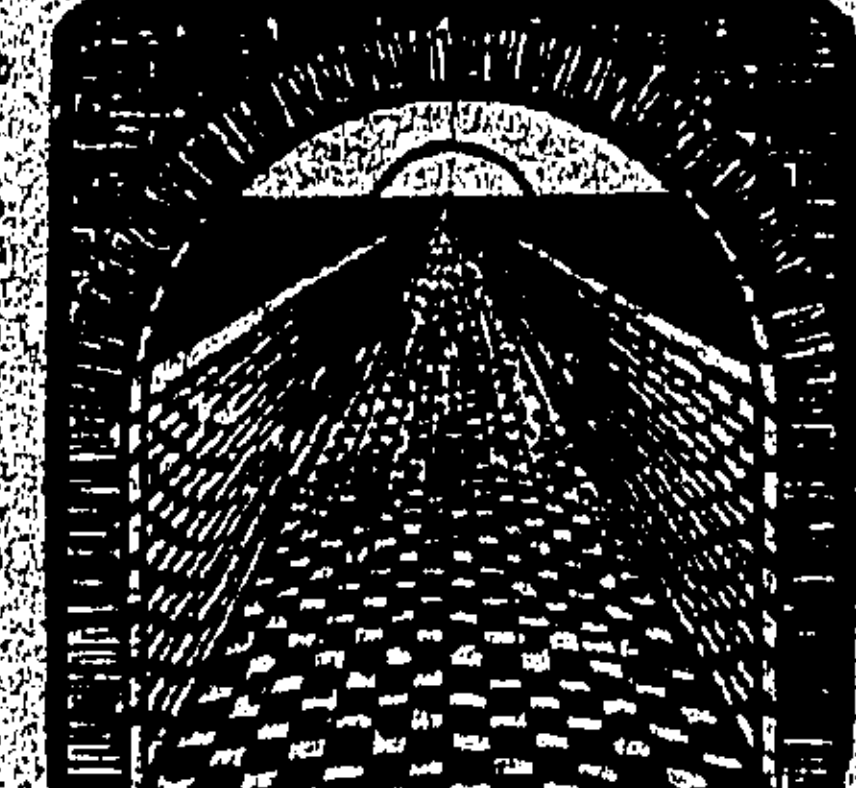
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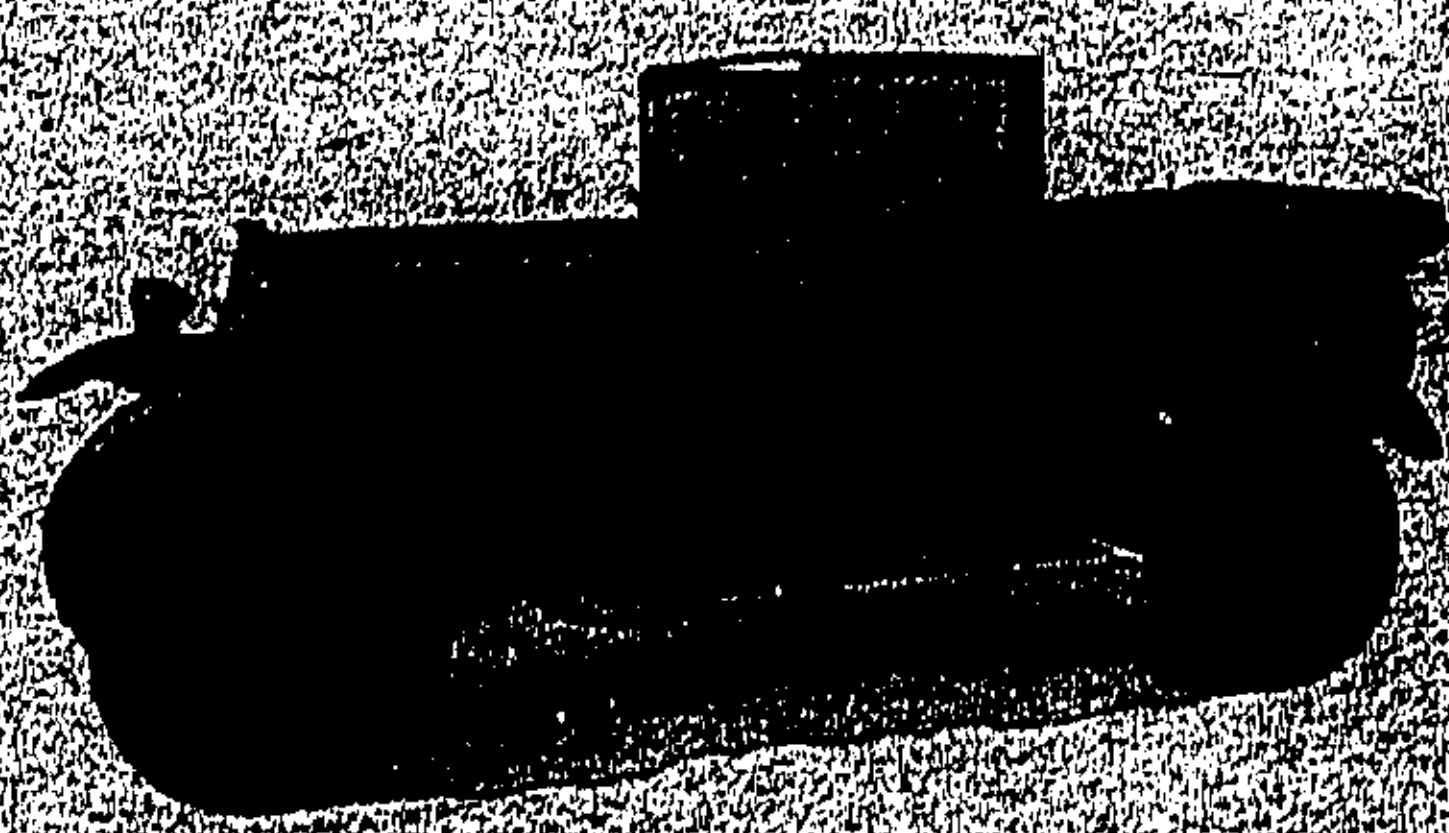
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HOME GOLF.

AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP OF SURREY.

ANGLO-AMERICAN'S WIN.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 23. The Anglo-American, Douglas Grant, won the Surrey amateur golf championship at Sunningdale by defeating Roger Wethered in the semi-final by 6 and 4; and Major Thorburn in the final, at the nineteenth hole.

PRINCE GEORGE.

ENTHUSIASM IN ATHLETICS.

Prince George, the King's youngest son, is a typical sailor, and enters into every phase of the sailor's life with enthusiasm. He is the best of the three Princes in athletic field events. The Prince of Wales can more than hold his own at rackets, while the Duke of York has specialised at lawn tennis, at which he is no mean exponent.

At college, however, Prince George was always keen on running and jumping, and won a number of events. It is typical of the sportsman's spirit of H.R.H. that he did not become disheartened when he found himself up against sterner stuff on joining the Fleet, and has frequently led the line in the shorter distances. He ran in some sports arranged by the Fleet in the East, coming in sixth, but not disgraced.

The hundred and two hundred yards are his favourite distance, but he can also put up quite a good performance "over the hurdles."

He is the only one of the three brothers, who has done much at cricket, his special forte being the bat, says the London correspondent of the "Times of Ceylon."

HOME ARMY SOCCER.

London, April 10. The final of the Army Cup was played at Aldershot to-day between the 2nd Staffordshire Regiment and the 2nd Leicestershire Regt., the former winning by three goals to one.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

GOVERNOR ATTENDS EXCELLENT CONCERT.

FRATERNAL GREETINGS.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Clementi, members of Government House staff, Sir Henry and Lady Pollock and prominent officials of the St. George's Society of Hongkong were present at the concert arranged in the City Hall last night in connection with the local observance of St. George's Day.

The theatre was decorated with red and white streamers, the coats of arms of the various cities of England being on the walls surrounding the dress circle. At the back of the stage was a large picture of St. George.

The playing of the East Surrey's Band was magnificent and the items rendered by the artists were very well received.

The programme was as follows: March, "Pomp and Circumstance," Elgar; the Band of the 1st Batt'n. East Surrey Regiment, Tenor Solo, "The English Rose," F. German (from "Merric England") Mr. H. E. Gardner. Mezzo-Soprano Solo, "a" "Passing by," Purcell (1680-1740), (by "Long long ago," Bayly (1797-1839), Mrs. R. Sanger. Bass Solo, "The Crown of the year," Easthope Martin, Mr. R. A. Green.

Soprano Solo, "Langley Fair," Easthope Martin, Mrs. L. F. Davis. Selection, "The Yeoman of the Guard," Sullivan, the Band of the 1st Batt'n. East Surrey Regiment. Selection, "Reminiscences of England," Godfrey, the Band of the 1st Batt'n. East Surrey Regiment. Baritone Solo, "The Fishermen of England," Phillips, Mr. L. E. Hopkins.

Contralto Solo, "Land of Hope and Glory," Elgar, Mr. G. Watt, Moreau Mignon, "Salut D'Amour," Elgar, and a selection, "The Lighting Switch," Alford, the Band of the 1st Batt'n. East Surrey Regiment.

"Between The Soup And The Savoury." The playlet, by Gertrude Jennings, was much enjoyed. Scene, the Kitchen; time, evening during the serving of dinner. The cook (Marie), Mrs. Chater.

BOXER'S DEATH.

CLEVER SENCIO'S LAST FIGHT.

"PANGHO VILLA II."

Milwaukee, April 20. Clever Sencio (the flyweight boxer) collapsed after his fight with Bud Taylor. He died on the way to the hospital. The hospital officials refused to issue a statement pending action by the authorities.

Milwaukee, April 19. Bud Taylor of Terre Haute tonight won from Clever Sencio of Manila, capturing the honours in the tenth round after Sencio had held him even for nine rounds.

Sencio was one of the cleverest Filipino boxers that ever left the Philippines in search of Rurals. By the Filipino nation, he was looked upon as a second Pancho Villa, and the hopes of the Philippines for another world's champion, rested on him. He left the Philippines July 29 of last year.

During his short stay in the States, Sencio endeared himself to followers of the fist game by his cleverness, gameness and ability. He was proclaimed by many American sport writers as the next flyweight champion of the world.

Sencio blazed his way through the rank of American flyweights in such decisive manner, a short time after his arrival in the States, that he was matched twice with Fidel La Barba, the flying champion. Although defeated on both occasions, he was still, pointed out as the boxer, who would dethrone La Barba.

Recently, the California State Boxing Commission decided that Clever Sencio, Newsboy Brown and Frankie Genaro, the ex champion, should meet in a series of elimination bouts to decide the opponent for Fidel La Barba.

Just how it came about that he was permitted to engage in a bout with Bud Taylor, who is considered the uncrowned bantam king and a terrific puncher, is not known. Taylor had height, reach, weight, ability, in fact, everything but "fighting heart" over Sencio.

The sudden news of Sencio's death is a great blow not only to the Filipino nation, but to the American and other foreign followers of the game, who knew and admired him, says the "Philippines Herald."

His death is similar in many ways to that of Pancho Villa, who died in hospital shortly after his fight with Jimmy McLarin.

CROSS-COUNTRY.

ENGLAND SECOND AT BRUSSELS.

INDIVIDUAL WINNER.

(via Colombo.)

Brussels, March 28. The international cross-country championship over eight miles resulted as follows:—

France 1
England 2
Scotland 3
Ireland 4
Wales 5
Belgium 6
Harper, of England, finished first, taking 44 mins., 17 2/5 secs.

"WHITE WINGS."

MANILA SUGGESTS YACHT CLUB.

WHAT IS NECESSARY.

Manila, April 15.

Manila may have a yachting club, should plans of prominent local businessmen and sportsmen develop. J. C. Rockwell, vice-president of the Manila Electric Company, is the originator of the idea. He stated that many local sportsmen are interested in the plan and favour the idea, (remarks the "Manila Bulletin.") The construction of a basin for the anchorage of the boats, construction of a club and boat house and other incidentals, would be necessary. This would require financial backing, and it is believed that sufficient funds would be subscribed by those interested.

BOXING MATCH.

(Associated Press.)

New York, April 7. Georges Carpentier, champion of France, and Eddie Hoffman of California were matched to-day for a ten round bout at Madison Square Garden, May 31.

It is again stated that Jack Dempsey, the world's heavy-weight champion, has agreed to fight the Negro, Harry Wills, this time on Labour Day, says the "Daily Mail." Last March Dempsey was suspended by the New York Boxing Commission for his failure to accept Wills's challenge.

"DELIBERATE LIE."

JUDGE CENSURES WING ON WITNESS.

A "LUCKY ESCAPE."

The next hearing of the alleged fraud on the Wing On Bank will be on Monday when expert evidence will be given by Prof. Shellshar, of the Hongkong University.

Before the assistant cashier who had admitted previous false evidence yesterday left the witness box, he was severely reprimanded by His Lordship. His Lordship said that he had told a shameless lie at the Magistrate's. He had thought the matter over, and had at first thought of having him prosecuted for perjury. There were, however, some technical difficulties in the way of a conviction, and he, therefore, would not order a prosecution.

He admonished witness to be careful next time he proposed to give evidence, since he might not be so lucky in escaping. It was perhaps sufficient punishment for him on that particular occasion, that he was on his own confession, a deliberate and shameless liar.

Mr. Zeitlyn, again opened the question with regard to the production of the books. Mr. Jenkin pointed out that both the defence and the prosecution had been informed that they could have free access to the books. He referred His Lordship to the depositions taken at the Magistrate's.

Mr. Zeitlyn said that it was the first he had heard of it. Only the day before had he received the proofs.

His Lordship perused the depositions and said that it was stated that all parties could have access to the books. He considered it a serious thing, since the defence alleged that they had not had access to them. The allegation was unfair.

Certain books were handed over to Mr. d'Almada, His Lordship intimating that he would be held responsible for their safe custody. The hearing was adjourned until Monday.

BRUTAL ATTACK.

ON COL. HAYLEY BELL IN CANTON.

PICKETS' MISCHIEF?

Colonel Hayley Bell, who is the Commissioner of the Chinese Maritime Customs at Canton, was the victim of a brutal attack on Thursday, in Canton, city, just outside the French concession on Shamen, shortly after mid-day.

With nothing more than a raincoat on his arm, Colonel Hayley Bell was about to cross the gate leading to the French bridge which connects Shamen with the Canton Bund.

It appears that a ruffian, who is suspected to have been or was connected with the boycott pickets, insisted on holding up the Commissioner to search.

A discussion ensued, leading to the man assaulting the Colonel. Other men, armed with bamboo poles, and similar weapons, joined in the attack, one falling the Colonel to the ground with a blow from a pole which caused the blood to flow from the Colonel's head. While on the ground, the Colonel was still beaten, the while defending himself as best he could against overwhelming odds.

Mr. A. Pereira, who was in Shamen, saw the incident and ran to the Colonel's aid, dragging him to safety, in the concession. Dr. Reynolds then attended Colonel Hayley Bell whose condition, at the time of the report, did not give much cause for anxiety.

Up till this morning, the Hongkong office of the Chinese Maritime Customs, for "Kowloon and district" had received no official communication on the affair.

CANTON'S TRADE.

CHINESE MARITIME CUSTOMS RETURNS.

SERIOUS DECLINES.

We have received from the Statistical Department of the Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs the Trade Returns of Canton for the quarter October-December, 1925. The totals are also given for the whole year together with the corresponding figures for the years 1924 and 1925. There are no summaries.

Taking cotton goods, whilst the returns for the last quarter of 1925 show in a number of cases a substantial increase over the figures for the corresponding quarter of 1924, there are very few instances indeed in which the figures for the whole year do not show a substantial decline. We may illustrate this statement by reproducing the figures for the first three items in the list:—

October-December, 1924. 1925.

(1) Shirts and Sheerings, grey (Pieces) 5,452 16,552
(2) Drills and Jeans (3 or 4 shaft only) (Pieces) 41,168 60,805
(3) L-cloths, Grey 7,119 4,188

The figures for the whole year compared with those for the preceding two years are:—

1923. 1924. 1925.

(1) 34,326 30,424 28,479

(2) 136,401 125,498 71,464

(3) 22,365 22,532 9,277

The only instances in the list of cotton goods in which increased import is shown for the whole year are: Lastings, 10,028 pieces in 1925, compared with 8,105 in

WHERE THE ATTACK TOOK PLACE.



On the right centre of this photo is shown the gate separating the French bridge, Shamen, from Canton's Bund. The houses in the background are on Chinese ground. In the foreground is the bridge leading into Shamen. It was at the far end of the bridge that Colonel Hayley Bell, Commissioner of Customs, was brutally attacked by armed, Chinese ruffians.

NAVY LEAGUE.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1925.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

The following is the annual report of the Hongkong Branch of the Navy League to be presented at the meeting on Tuesday next:—

The total membership is now 120 and during the last year we have to record with regret the deaths of Capt. Wheeler and Mr. A. J. Denny.

From time to time your committee have kept the Head office informed of the situation in China and they have assured us that they are watching same very carefully and are most anxious to assist us in any way possible.

Having regard to the conditions prevailing last year, your committee considered it inadvisable to hold a Flag Day or Concert on Nelson Day, which was therefore very simply celebrated by the laying of wreaths on the Cenotaph and Wanchai Memorial in accordance with our usual custom.

Our local branch in Amoy raised £10.4s. 10d. in aid of the "Implacable" Fund, which was gratefully acknowledged by Sir Vincent Baddely.

Our thanks are due to Mr. A. Brearley, for auditing the accounts.

The outgoing committee are Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak (President), Hon. Sir Henry E. Pollock, K.C., Mr. E. F. Aucott, Mr. W. A. Dowley, Lieut. Comdr. C. St. G. Ingham, Mr. F. A. Perry, Mr. B. Wylie, Mr. A. S. Exell, (Hon. Treas.), and Mr. L. M. Whyte, (Hon. Sec.)

Among the passengers leaving the Colony to-day for Europe by the s.s. "Hakusan Maru" were Mr. A. C. Pedersen and Mr. N. E. Bendixsen of the G. N. Telegraph Co. Mrs. J. H. Backhouse, Mrs. A. Mackenzie, Mr. R. Ponsonby and Mr. E. C. Bell of the A. P. C.

1924 and 1,331 in 1923. (The import of Lastings for the final quarter of last year was 8,355 pieces); Sateen Drills (6 shaft) 23,699 pieces in 1925, 3,769 in 1924 and 3,274 in 1923. In the last quarter of 1925, 23,455 pieces were imported as compared with 231 pieces in the corresponding quarter of 1924. The only other instance of increased import is printed drills, jeans and Silesias, the import of which for the whole of 1925 was 14,136 pieces compared with 9,891 in 1924 and 1,695 in 1923.

Of cloth made of remanufactured wool and cotton, the import in 1925 was 286,506 yards compared with over 600,000 in each of the two preceding years.

Similar heavy declines characterise the lengthy list under the heading "Metals and Minerals" in which there is not one of the important lines of the trade showing an increased import in 1925.

Rice shows an import of 2,929,054 piculs compared with 2,740,128 in 1924 and 7,450,553 in 1923.

White sugar shows an import of 614,191 piculs compared with 435,698 in 1924 and 380,499 in 1923. More than half the total for 1925 was imported in the last quarter of the year.

The figures for kerosene oil (gallons) are interesting, viz:—

American 9,838,687, 2,866,538

4,598,078

Borneo 405,094 655,908

426,715

Russian 1,085,810

Sumatra 864,137 2,500,043

1,252,794

Lubricating Oil 282,712 391,873

355,387

In the export list perhaps the most notable thing is that Silk exports have been little affected. The export of steam flature silk in 1925 was 53,432 piculs; in 1924, 45,746 piculs and in 1923, 43,163 piculs. Waste silk shows 42,796 piculs for 1925; 58,779 piculs for 1924, and 42,005 piculs for 1923. The silk piece goods exports was rather over than under the average.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, APRIL 24, 1926, 10.30 A.M.

Name.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers Association.	Rate & Broker's Share & Real Estate.
T.T. on London	2/2 1/4	2/2 1/4	2/2 1/4
T.T. on Shanghai Banks.	76 1/2	76 1/2	nom.
Hongkong Bank	1105 b.	1105 b.	\$110. b.
do. London.	£125 n.	£125 n.	£125 n.
Chartered Bank	£20 n.	£21 1/2 n.	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & C.	£30 1/2 n.	£30 n.	—
do. C.	£13 1/2 n.	£13 1/2 n.	—
P. & O. Bank	£24 n.	£24 n.	—
Bank of East Asia	\$86 n.	\$80 b.	\$85 b.
Marine Insurance.	—	—	—
Canton Insurance	625 b.	625 b.	\$ 625 b.
China Underwriters	1.90 b.	2 b.	1.95 b.
North China Insurance.	T 145 n.	T 140 n.	—
Union Insurance	283 b.	283 b.	\$284 b.
Yangtze Insurance	39 n.	44 n.	—
Fire Insurance.	—	—	—
China Fire Insurance	170 b.	170 b.	—
E.K. Fire Insurance	550 b.	550 b.	550 b.
Shipping.	—	—	—
Douglases	28 n.	28 n.	28 s.
Hongkong Steamboats	27 n.	25 1/4 b.	25 1/4 n.
E.K. Tugs & Lighters	24 s.	22 1/2 b.	24 n.
Indo-China (Pref.)	38 n.	30 n.	37 n.
do. (Def.) Ltd.	40 n.	—	45 s.
do. () H.K.	—	45 n.	—
Oriental Navigation	250 n.	250 n.	—
Shell Transports	87 1/2 b.	87 1/2 b.	90 1/2 n.
Star Ferries	\$61 b.	62 b.	\$62 b.
Water-boats	15 n.	15 n.	15 n.
Refineries.	—	—	—
China Sugars	26 b.	27 b.	27 n.
Malayan Sugars	36 n.	35 n.	40 n.
Mining.	—	—	—
Benguet	17 1/2 n.	—	—
Kallian Mining Ad.	42 1/2 b.	42 1/2 n.	47 1/2 n.
Langkats (Combined)	24 1/2 n.	T 22.65 n.	7 1/2 b.
do. (Single)	12 1/2 b.	11 n.	—
Shanghai Exploration	54 b.	5 n.	—
Shanghai Loan	7 n.	7 n.	—
Raub	\$5 n.	\$4 b.	5 s.
Tronoh Mines	65 1/2 n.	65 1/2 b.	—
Ural Caspian	8 1/2 n.	—	—
Docks, Wharves Godowns, &c.	—	—	—
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$128 b.	128 b.	\$128 b.
H.K. & W. Docks	60 s.	60 s.	60 s.
Hongkows	T 165 b.	165 b.	165 b.
New Engineerings	5.80 b.	T 5.90 b.	5.94 b.
Shanghai Docks	108 b.	108 b.	108 b.
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.	—	—	—
H.K. & S. Hotels (old)	9 1/4 b.	9 1/4 b.	9 1/4 b.
do. (new)	—	—	—
Hongkong Lands	64 1/2 s.	63 1/2 b.	63 b.
H.K. Realty	6 b.	6 s.	6 s.
H.K. Territorial	5 n.	5 1/2 s.	6 s.
Humphreys Estates	15 1/2 b.	15 1/2 b.	15 b.
Princes Building	100 n.	100 s.	—
Rural Lands	7 n.	—	—
Cotton Mills.	—	—	—
Ewo Cottons	10.30 b.	T 10.60 b.	T 10 1/4 b.
Oriental	3.20 b.	3 1/4 b.	3.20 b.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	52 b.	53 b.	53 b.
do. (new)	27 b.	27 b.	27 b.
Miscellaneous.	—	—	—
Canton Ice	\$7 1/2 n.	\$7 s.	\$ 7 s.
Cements (comb.)	15 1/2 b.	15 1/2 b.	15 1/2 s.
do. (old)	13 b.	13 1/2 b.	12 1/2 s.
do. (new)	3 n.	2 1/2 b.	3 s.
China Buses	10 1/2 b.	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	20 b.	20 n.	20 b.
do. (old)	15 b.	15 n.	15 b.
do. (new)	11 n.	12 n.	11 b.
China Prov. (comb.)	6 b.	6.10 b.	6.15 b.
do. (old)	—	—	—
do. (new)	—	—	—
Dairy Farms	20 n.	19 1/2 b.	19 1/2 s.
Der A Wing (full pd.)	10 n.	8 s.	—
do. (part pd.)	—	—	—
Hongkong Amusements	11 1/2 n.	11 1/2 b.	—
H.K. Constructions	24 n.	3 s.	3 1/2 s.
Hongkong Electric	64 1/2 b.	64 b.	64 1/2 s.
H.K. Developments	25 cts. n.	25 cts. b.	25 cts. n.
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	30 s.	—	30 n.
do. (old)	10 s.	10 1/2 n.	10 n.
do. (new)	5 s.	5 1/2 n.	5 n.
Hongkong Tramways	24.80 25 s.	24.60 b. 24.80	24 1/2 b.
Lane, Crawford	10 1/2 s.	9 1/2 s.	10 s.
Macao Electric	40 n.	—	—
Mackintosh	21 1/2 n.	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	13 b.	—
Peak Trams (old)	17 1/2 b.	17 1/2 b.	17 1/2 b.
do. (new)	7 1/2 b.	8 n.	8 s.
Sinceres	11 n.	10 b.	11 s.
Singapore Trams	8 s.	8 n.	—
Taxis	4 s.	3 b.	2 1/2 b.
United Asbestos	20 n.	—	—
do. (Founders)	—	600 n.	—
do. (Ordinary)	—	18 p.	—
Natsons (old)	12 b.	13 b.	12 1/2 b.
do. (new)	—	—	—
N.M. Powells	10 n.	9 1/2 n.	10 s.
E.K. Telephone	—	—	2.80 b.

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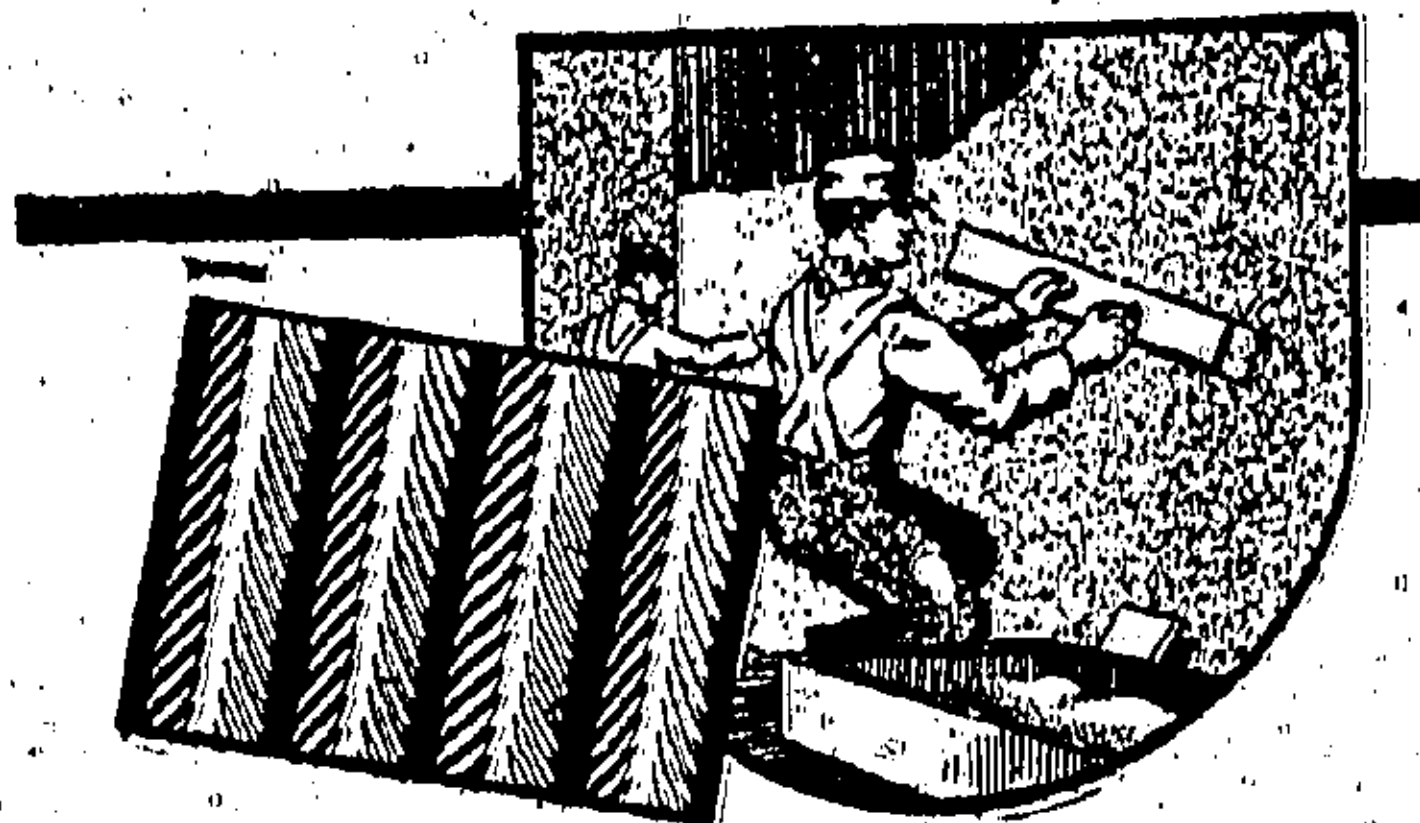
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Snapshot taken after a christening
at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon. On
the right is Mr. A. B. Allan (of the
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father to the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L.
Lockhart. Mrs. S. Alderman is holding
the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Evans,
for whom she was godmother.

OUR TREBLE INTERPORT VICTORY.



Hongkong sent up a team to Amoy during the Easter holidays and secured a treble victory at hockey, and soccer.
Hongkong won the first hockey match by 8 goals to 2, and the second by 9-3. Then the soccer match was won by
3 goals to 1. The Hongkong team had nine men, namely:—A. S. Hett (hockey captain), D. Lyon (soccer captain),
Lt. Smith, R.A., Lt. Jacobs-Larkeon, R.E., Captain Halgh, R.A.S.C., T. J. Price, S. H. Garrod, W. Gerard and
J. Wedlake. The two shortages were made up on the spot. The group photo above shows the two teams, outside the
Amoy Club, at Kulangsu (the settlement).

SURREYS' WEDDING.



Photo by Ying Ming.

Group taken outside St. John's Cathedral on April 14 after the wedding,
by the Rev. Mr. Stopford, C.F., of Sergeant Ronald Thomas Patsy Hicks, 1/East
Surrey Regt., and Miss Phyllis Mary Storey.

TUESDAY'S WEDDING.



Photo by A. Fong.

An attractive group taken outside St. John's Cathedral on Tuesday, after
the wedding of Mr. S. B. Tan of Singapore and Miss Elizabeth Lu-sien Wong,
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wong, of Kowloon. The Misses Beatrice Lam,
Estelle Mayes and Josephine Wong were bridesmaids; Masters Stephen and
Enoch Wong were pages; and Mr. Y. K. Wong was "best man."

JEU-LAW WEDDING.



Photo by Ying Ming.

This photo was taken last Saturday after the wedding at the Rhenish
Mission (Bonham Road) when the contracting parties were Mr. Jau Tien-liang
(Duncan Jau), son of Dr. and Mrs. Jau Hawk of Hongkong, and Miss Law
Yuet-sin. Miss Law Yuet-yung was bridesmaid; Miss Wong Fung-sin, flower
girl.

CATHEDRAL WEDDING.



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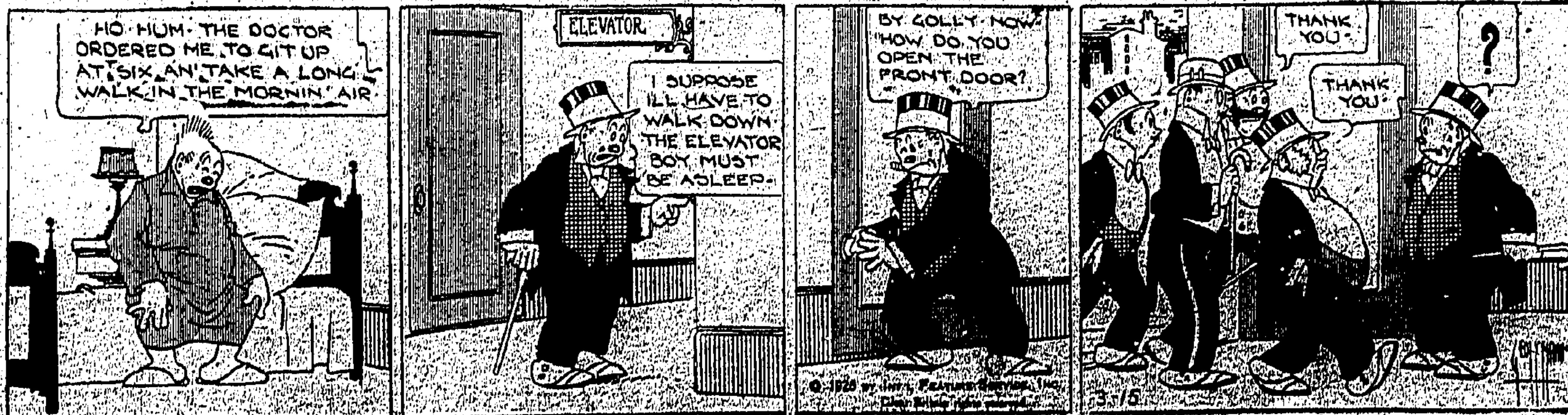
Part of the retinue of twenty-six at last Saturday's Cathedral wedding
when Dr. S. F. Tan and Miss Rose Lau were married. This photo was taken
outside No. 54, Robinson Road, where the reception was held. The ladies in
the group are the Miss Ida H. K. Lau, M. L. Sun, M. K. Sun, Marion Sun,
Frances Lau, Irene To, T. K. Wu, W. S. Shu, Mrs. T. H. Chen, Mrs. H. L. Yung,
Mrs. C. C. Yung.

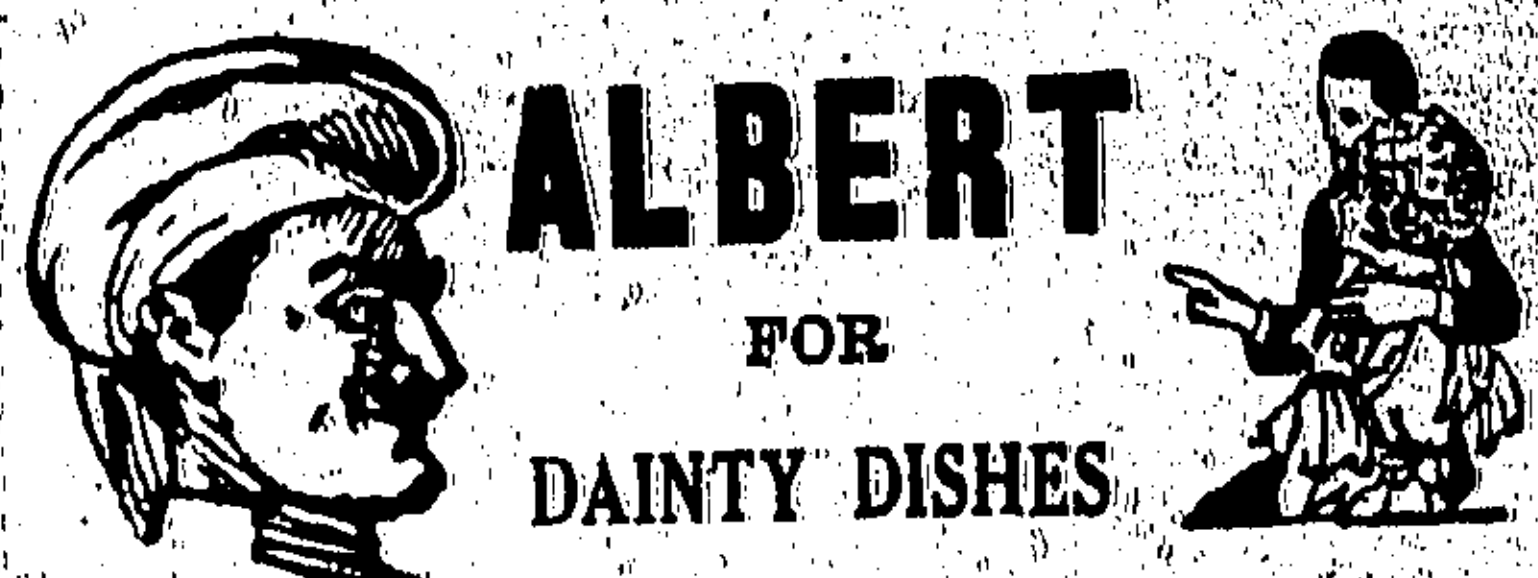
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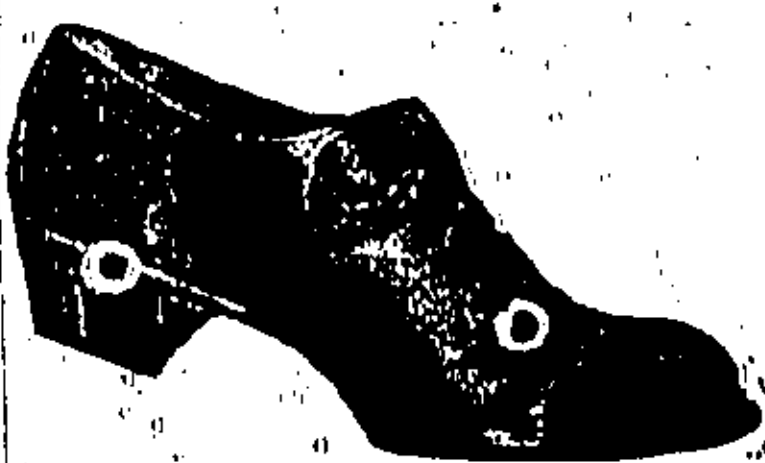
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TSAO KUN.

PRESIDENT WHO BOUGHT HIS POST.

The release of ex-President Tsoo Kun, who has been in prison at Peking since October, 1924, is one of the startling developments of the northern military situation which has resulted in Marshal Wu Pei-fu again acquiring ascendancy.

Tsoo Kun was a member of the Chihli Party, of which Wu Pei-fu is the military genius. A Chihli man by birth, he graduated from the Peking military school, and in 1920 he assisted Marshal Chang Tso-lin to smash up the Anfu club. After that, he became Super-Techun of Chihli, Shantung, and Honan, and on October 5, 1924, he was elected to the Presidency of the Republic in one of the most corrupt elections ever held in China.

Not being very popular, although he enjoyed the co-partnership of Wu Pei-fu, Tsoo Kun bought his way to the Presidential chair and men who voted for him did so at the rate of \$5,000 a vote. He was reported at the time to have spent \$10,000,000 to attain the Presidency. One of the first moves of General Feng Yu-shiang, after the coup d'état which gave him control of Peking in the fighting of autumn, 1924, was to imprison Tsoo Kun in an obscure palace inside the Forbidden City.

The release of Tsoo Kun, says the "Shanghai Times" means the triumph of Marshal Wu Pei-fu, who, foreign political prognosticators said, would certainly stage a "come-back" as he is too big a man to hold down.

LIBEL BY WIRELESS.

FIRST SUIT IN AMERICA.

The first radio libel case in America is being started here in Chicago.

While listening-in at his home, the Illinois State Attorney, Mr. Crowe, was amazed to hear a wireless announcer from the Moulin Rouge Cabaret declare that Mr. Crowe was amongst the guests of the cabaret, enjoying the music and the companionship of the lady guests.

Mr. Crowe immediately sent out instructions to the police authorities, and a squad of detectives within five minutes had raided the cabaret and made five arrests. The State Attorney announces that he is filing a libel suit against the announcer and the cabaret authorities.

It is probable that Mr. Crowe will not find any statute in the American legal records defining radio libel.

There is, however, a law pending before the United States Congress enabling a libel action to be started for radio mis-statements and defamation of character. Until that law is passed, even the State Attorney will have little chance of success in an action for libel by wireless.

"JUMBO'S" SPIRITS.

BUDDHIST MASS SAID IN TOKYO.

Tokyo, April 7.

Buddhist mass for the spirits of all the elephants which have supplied ivory for ivory carving in Japan will be said at the Gokoku Temple in Otowa, Koishikawa, on April 15, under the auspices of the Tokyo Ivory Art Objects Dealers' Association and the Association of Artists in Ivory Carving.

The occasion also will be marked with the dedication of a large monument in the compound of the temple for the spirits of these elephants. The mass will begin at 10 o'clock in the morning, and is expected to draw a crowd of 1,000 dealers in ivory objects and guests. Fifteen priests of the Gokoku temple will begin the programme with the reading of Buddhist prayers.

"We feel that we are greatly indebted to elephants, which have been furnishing the materials for us to work with," said Mr. Kakichi Ikeda, president of the Tokyo Ivory Art Objects Dealers' Association.

"We who obtain our living from this ivory cannot help feeling grateful to the elephants, which have been furnishing materials for us to work with. It is for this reason that we are going to comfort the spirits of the elephants by holding a mass for them."

"The members of our organisation have been wishing to undertake such a matter for a long time. We think we also do honour and comfort the spirits of our ancestors who were likewise in the ivory trade. When the monument is erected for the spirits of the elephants, we wish all artists and dealers in ivory objects in the country would make pilgrimages to the shrine when they come to Tokyo."—"Shanghai Times."

SHOW TEETH!

"Show teeth." This is the latest medical inspection order in the Army, and when these words are uttered by dentists the teeth of thousands of soldiers will be examined at Aldershot. Men in every unit in the command will undergo a thorough examination of their teeth.

The good condition of soldiers' teeth has been recognised as an important factor in their health, and instructions dealing with the preservation of the teeth and how to clean them are being circulated in the barracks by the Army authorities.

Teeth examinations will be carried out in all units in every military station at home and abroad.

Fashionable Lady (to interior decoration expert): "I want you to decorate the under side of all the tables and things in the house. I have just realised that it is really the only view our dear little dog gets of them."

FIRE IN MENAGERIE.

BIRDS AND MONKEYS SUFFOCATED.

The heaviest loss in animal and bird life recorded in the annals of New York's Fire Department occurred, when a smouldering fire which started in two barrels of sawdust killed 1,000 canaries, 500 love birds, and numerous other birds, as well as 150 monkeys, all pets awaiting purchasers at a well-known animal shop known as "The House of Pets."

The frightened jungle cries of macaws and parakeets first attracted the attention of a policeman passing on his beat, and when the firemen forced their way into the interior of the building they found the rooms filled with helpless animals screaming with fright and striving desperately to get out of their cages, while hundreds of others were already stretched lifeless on their cage floors, having been suffocated by the smoke.

Many of the larger animals, especially the monkeys, made pathetic attempts to bring back their companions to life, and manifested the utmost devotion to them. One baboon, for instance, had to be taken by main force out of the cage where its mate lay dead, while a mother monkey saved the life of her baby by stretching herself over it.

Another heroine was Minnie, the house cat, who carried her three kittens from their hiding place on the third floor to fresh air and safety below.

FAMOUS WAITER DEAD.

One of London's best-known waiters, Mr. John Bull, of "Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese," Fleet Street, is dead, at the age of sixty. So closely did he resemble in build and ever-beaming countenance the traditional figure of John Bull, that people doubted whether it was his name. But, in truth, it was. He was a Bedfordshire man, and had been a familiar figure at the inn for many years, and his repartee and inventive legend, always at the disposal of American visitors, will long be remembered by them.

Bull used to aver that John Todd, who was a waiter at the "Cheshire Cheese" in 1812, and whose oil-painting is one of the inn's heirlooms, was his grandfather. There was certainly a facial likeness, but the relationship was one of Bull's imaginings. Under his skillful treatment, Dr. Johnson's favourite seat at the table became more than a historic spot. He made it a bringer of luck to all those who sat thereon.

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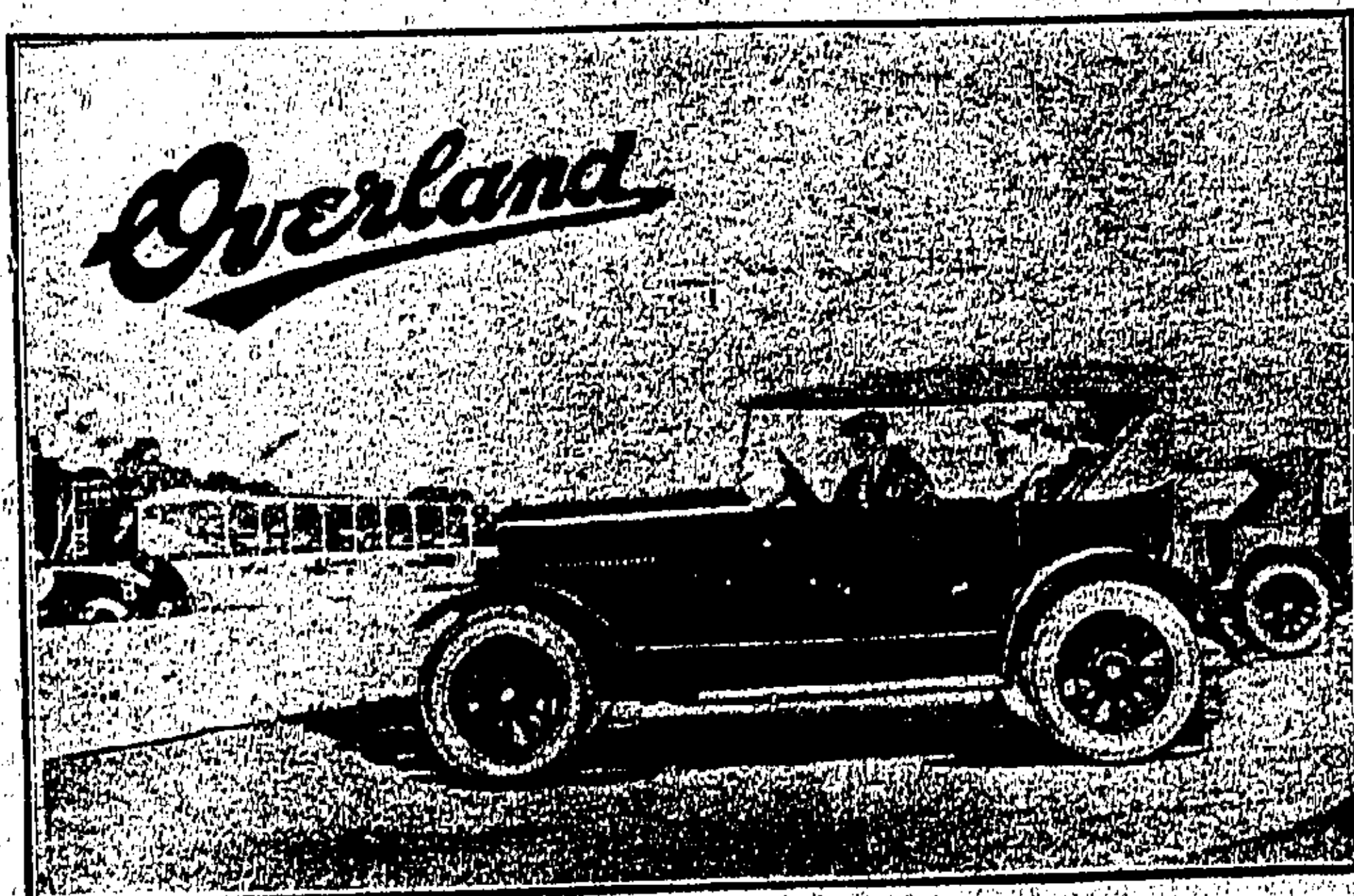
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